

Morse code is still the most reliable means of HF radio communication. By retaining Element 1 for the Extra Class license, this would serve to retain some of the quality of the Amateur Service and to put the brakes on the "dumbing-down" of the operators. Thousands will continue to learn and use Morse Code (it's also fun and unique); why not retain it on a formal basis? Thank you for reading this. Sincerely, D. G. Gehring, Lab. Director, DuPont Co. (retired).